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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/420,092

Filed: October 18, 1999

For: CELL CYCLE PROTEINS
ASSOCIATED WITH PCNA,
COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS OF
USE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE
COMMUNICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed May 21, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time for response for four months, from June 21, 2002 to October 21, 2002, is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 15, 16, 17 and 20 as follows.

Please cancel claims 18 and 19 without prejudice to subsequent revival.

Please add new claim 21.